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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF BHUTTO VISIT

1. THE WHITE HOUSE IS PREPARED TO ANNOUNCE THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER AND BEGUM BHUTTO ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 AT THE MORNING BRIEFING (APPROXIMATELY NOON). THE EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOP CONCURRENCE IN THE TIMING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT. WE ASSUME THE GOP WILL MAKE A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, WITH DUE REGARD FOR NEED TO AVOID PUBLICITY PRIOR TO WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT. IF CONCURRENCE PRIOR TO FRIDAY IS NOT POSSIBLE, NEXT APPROPRIATE TIME FOR WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MONDAY, JANUARY 13 AT THE MORNING BRIEFING (APPROXIMATELY NOON).

2. QUOTE THE PRESIDENT HAS INVITED THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO AND MRS. BHUTTO TO WASHINGTON FOR AN OFFICIAL VISIT FEBRUARY 4-7. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD ON FEBRUARY 5 AND WITH OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD WILL HOST A DINNER AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN HONOR OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. BHUTTO ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5. SECRETARY KISSINGER CONVEYED THIS INVITATION
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TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO DURING HIS VISIT TO PAKISTAN

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